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RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Response is being submitted in connection with the Office Action mailed on June 4, 2002. A request for extension of time is submitted along with this response thereby extending the due date from September 4, 2002 to November 4, 2002.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, first paragraph as containing subject matter that is not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor at the time the application was filed had possession of the invention. Specifically, the Examiner says that the phrase "purified nucleotide" reads on sequences not identified and isolated by the Applicant. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.